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SUBJECT: CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

FOLLOWING ARE RESULTS OF SCREENING IN IV CORPS. (II AND III CORPS SCREENING RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE).

1. THIRTY SEATS ARE AT STAKE, INCLUDING FOUR RESERVED FOR ETHNIC CAMBODIANS. PRIOR TO SCREENING, 32 LISTS (COMPRISING 78 INDIVIDUALS), 55 INDIVIDUAL VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES, AND 23 INDIVIDUAL CAMBODIAN CANDIDATES HAD FILED, OR TOTAL

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OF 156 PERSONS. IN SCREENING PROCESS, TWO LISTS WERE DISQUALIFIED (ONE ONLY BECAUSE IT LACKED AN ALTERNATE TO MOVE UP IN PLACE OF DROPPED CANDIDATE) AND ONE ALTERNATE REPLACED A DISQUALIFIED CANDIDATE ON A THIRD LIST; THUS 30 LISTS (72 INDIVIDUALS) REMAIN. AMONG INDIVIDUAL VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES, 6 WERE DISQUALIFIED AND 2 WITHDREW, LEAVING 47. AMONG KHMERS, THREE WERE DISQUALIFIED (INCLUDING A CHAM WHO HAD FILED FOR A CAMBODIAN SEAT) AND THREE OTHERS WITHDREW, LEAVING 17. THUS OF ORIGINAL 156 PERSONS, 136 REMAIN, INCLUDING THE ALTERNATE; 5 WITHDREW; AND 16 (INCLUDING 6 PERSONS ON TWO LISTS, ONLY TWO OF WHOM PERSONALLY DISQUALIFIED) WERE DROPPED INCLUDING ONE REPLACED BY HIS ALTERNATE.

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2. OF DISQUALIFICATIONS, ONE LIST AND TWO INDIVIDUAL VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES WERE DROPPED UNDER COMMUNISM-NEUTRALISM AND ONE

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OTHER CASE IS DOUBTFUL. ALL OTHER DISQUALIFICATIONS WERE FOR PRIOR DISMISSAL FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE, MILITARY STATUS, INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION, ETC.

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3. DETAILED REPORT OF DISQUALIFICATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS: IN AN GIAN, ONE OF FOUR LISTS DROPPED ON GROUNDS ONE MEMBER HAD HEADED ANTI-WAR AND "PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE" MOVEMENTS IN PROVINCE; THREE LISTS (12 PERSONS) REMAIN. IN KIEN HOA, ONE OF NINE LISTS DROPPED BECAUSE IT INCLUDED FORMER ANIMAL HUSBANDRY CADRE FIRED FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS AND HAD NOT ALTERNATE TO REPLACE HIM; EIGHT LISTS (16 PERSONS) REMAIN. IN VINH LONG, HWICH HAS THREE LISTS, ONE CANDIDATE DROPPED BECAUSE HE HAS ORDERS TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION PRIOR TO ELECTION; HE WAS REPLACED BY ALTERNATE, SO ALL THREE LISTS (12 PERSONS) REMAIN.

4. AMONG INDIVIDUAL VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES, ONE OF THREE IN AN XUYEN DROPPED BECAUSE HE "FAVORS NEUTRALISM AND COMMUNISM"; 2 REMAIN. OF 12 CANDIDATES IN BAC LIEU, ONE DROPPED FOR "ACTIVITIES BENEFICIAL TO COMMUNISM, ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTS FROM SECURITY AGENCY"; TWO FOR FAILING COMPLETE DOSSIERS; AND ONE WITHDREW, LEAVING EIGHT. IN CHUONG THIEN, ONE OF FOUR WITHDREW. IN GO CONG, TWO OF EIGHT WERE DROPPED,

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ONE FOR IRREGULAR DOCUMENTS AND OTHER BECAUSE HE FIRED AS CANTON CHIEF IN 1962 (FOR "POLITICAL REASONS"); THIS IS DOUBTFUL CASE REFERRED TO ABOVE; SIX CANDIDATES REMAIN.

5. AMONG CAMBODIANS, ONE OF SIX (A SCHOOLTEACHER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS) WAS DROPPED IN BA XUYEN; FIVE REMAIN. IN CHAU DOC, CHam WAS DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE SEAT RESERVED SPECIFICALLY FOR KHMERS; TWO KHMERS WITHDREW, LEAVING TWO. IN KIEN GIANG, ONE OF EIGHT WITHDREW, AND IN VINH BINH ONE OF FOUR WAS DROPPED DUE TO FAILURE MEET MILITARY SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.

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